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THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB'S ANNUAL PICNIC AND FROLIC

on Saturday, August 19, at the Huntington
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O F F I C I A L

House Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, August 15, 5:45 PM
Admissions Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, August 16, 5:30 PM
Placement Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, August 23, 5:00 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: G.A.W. Wynne, public relations, British Overseas Airways Corporation. France, 1927-1928, for Universal Service; France, Belgium, etc., 1924, 1932, 1933 for Reuters. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by TEMPLE FIELDING.

PRESS CLUBBERS WILL SEE FIRST DRAFTEES AT FORT DIX

General Devine To Unveil "New Army's"
Training Methods to Guests
On August 24 Visit

Overseas Press Club Members and guests who join the special excursion to Fort Dix, N.J., on Thursday, August 24, will have the first opportunity afforded any similar group of press representatives to observe the Army's first new draftees in action, according to information received here this week.

Major Gen. John M. Devine, 9th Infantry Division commander, also has promised to demonstrate before his newsmen guests dramatic new training techniques and advances in psychological handling of new soldiers. Many were developed by the former European combat commander when he organized and directed the Army's highly-successful experiment in Universal Training at Fort Knox, Ky., in 1946.

Meanwhile, staff officers at Fort Dix are rushing to conclusion plans for a post-wide welcome to OPCers and their guests. General Devine is issuing a special proclamation extending to the Overseas Press Club the Army's traditional "freedom of the post", and menus comprising the best representative Army food are being drawn up for the two meals guests will eat.

(NOTE: Deadline for reservations for this outstanding event is next MONDAY -- AUGUST 14. If you have not already indicated your desire to participate in the excursion, please write or telephone Club Headquarters at once. Departure time, by bus from Club Headquarters, is 8 AM. Total cost of trip, including two meals and drinks, is \$3.)

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PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

CORRESPONDENTS' CASUALTY LIST RECORDS 12 KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING

Press Corps in Korea Now Totals 271
Reporters From Nineteen Nations;
U. S. Accredits 156

Twelve war correspondents -- 10 of them Americans -- this week were officially reported as either killed, wounded or missing in action. This represents a greater casualty toll than was suffered by the press corps in the first year of World War II. These figures were compiled as General MacArthur's headquarters announced that a total of 271 news correspondents from 19 countries are now accredited to cover the Korean war. Some 156 represent U.S. newspapers, press services, magazines and radio networks.

The casualty toll soared with the report that the four correspondents who crashed into the sea on July 27 had not been recovered. Two of these newsmen were Americans (see The Bulletin, August 5).

Also last week instructions issued to war correspondents as "guidance" were amended by authority of the Eighth Army PIO. The amendment declared: "Unwarranted criticism of command decisions or of the conduct of Allied soldiers on the battlefield will not be tolerated", adding the word "unwarranted" to the earlier order. There would not, however, be any ban on what the PIO termed "fair and honest criticism." Formal censorship, meanwhile, continues "absolutely out of the question", although Maj. Gen. Floyd Parks, Army public information head, has stated that MacArthur may invoke censorship whenever he wishes.

INS correspondent Frank Coniff last week added another testimonial to the hardships under which newsmen are operating. "The little brown brothers who squander their bullets firing at correspondents," he wrote, "are merely one item on the list of occupational hazards. They are only slightly ahead of (one) the insects, (two) the dust, (three) the primitive sleeping, eating and sanitation arrangements and (four) the roads. It is sheer terror to ride along with a jeep jockey who mistakes a trip to the front for qualifying trials at the Indianapolis 500-mile race. One slip over the road shoulder and the vehicle careens 20 or 30 feet into a ditch while its occupants fly through the air with the greatest of unease."

MURROW "CAPTURED" BY SCARED MARINE SOLDIER

While en route to U.S. Marine headquarters in Korea last week, a party of American correspondents was given a rugged "hard time" by Marine sentries, one of whom told EDWARD R. MURROW he was a "prisoner" and marched him off to his company.

The newsmen, W. H. Lawrence, New York Times, William Dunn of NBC and the CBS commentator, had arrived at dusk at a southern air-strip and were being conducted to the HQ of Marine Gen. Edward A. Craig when they were intercepted by cautious Marine patrols. They refused to honor correspondents' credentials because the reporters did not know the password. All were lined up one yard apart and ordered to keep their hands in sight.

Finally, MURROW was permitted to walk to a company command post with a nervous 17-year-old soldier who informed him he was his "prisoner."

Later, after their identity had been established, the correspondents were allowed to proceed under armed guard to the Marine command post.

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PRESS CLUB MEMBERS
COVERING KOREA WAR
NOW NUMBER 22

Transfer of STAN SWINTON, former AP bureau chief, to Tokyo to reinforce the AP staff there has brought to 22 the number of Overseas Press Club Members now in the Pacific war area, according to an incomplete survey. The following list of Pacific-based Members and their affiliations is not complete, as reports of new assignments reach Club Headquarters daily.

Associated Press: HAL BOYLE, MAX DESFOR, DON HUTH, CHARLES P. GORRY, STAN SWINTON

International News Service: Past President BOB CONSIDINE

The New York Times: RICHARD JOHNSTON, HENRY LIEBERMAN, ROBERT TRUMBULL

Chicago Tribune: WALTER SIMMONS, DAVID BOGUSLAV

Chicago Daily News: KEYES BEECH

Columbia Broadcasting System: EDWARD R. MURROW, BILL DOWNS, BILL COSTELLO, EDMUND A. CHESTER (temporary)

Time and Life Magazines: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Reader's Digest: DENNIS McEVOY

SCAP Headquarters and others: JULIAN A. GARRETT, STUART GRIFFIN, GENE ZENIER, A. W. JESSUP

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: EARL CHAPIN MAY and wife off for two months in Ireland and England on August 2...Texas Member CECIL CARNES soon heads Europeward with a magazine writing team to track down articles on countries receiving ECA aid...The RICHARD CHAPLINS of Collier's and the Henry Bulls (PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE) are vacationing together in Bermuda...DICKSON HARTWELL just back from some mag assignments in the Midwest...NBC veep WILLIAM F. BROOKS aboard the "Isle de France" when she sailed August 3...A swing around the Far East has taken HARRISON FORMAN abroad for three months for C.A.R.E. ...JAMES S. HART of Mel Adams & Associates returned from Tokyo August 3, flying the Alaska-Aleutian route both ways on a Seaboard and Western Airlines freight plane to observe operations of the prime contract air carrier now flying critical materiel and personnel from Fairfield-Suisan A.F.B. to Tokyo...

MBS commentator CECIL BROWN presented an interview with Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the Generalissimo, on his August 1 broadcast..."How the Soviets Ravaged German Art" by ELIZABETH FAGG appears in the August American Mercury... A large New York publishing house has signed New York Times radioscripter RICHARD THOMAS to write and emcee a series of three TV shows for airing on an out-of-town station...

For a glimpse at what the well-dressed war correspondents will wear, flip to Editor and Publisher's page 11 (issue of August 5). Featured in several group shots are Members MAX DESFOR, and HAL BOYLE... Awarded a theater decoration and certificate of service from the War Department this week was KATHRYN CRAVENS, once temporarily suspended in Berlin in 1945 for violating a security order by entering the forbidden Russian-guarded area of Potsdam. The ribbon and certificate were presented by General Walter Bedell Smith, First Army commander...

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TRYGVE LIE WELCOMES
PRESS CLUB OFFICIALS
TO UN HEADQUARTERS

United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie last week personally greeted and welcomed a delegation of Overseas Press Club officers, to UN headquarters at Lake Success. The visit was another in the series of courtesy calls the OPC is paying military and civic leaders to build good will for the Club. President LOUIS P. LOCHNER,

accompanied by Founder President WYTHE WILLIAMS, Program Committee Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH and Board Member TEMPLE FIELDING, arrived at Lake Success at the moment when the Security Council was the scene of spirited exchanges between the U.S., British and Soviet chief delegates. Mr. Lie nevertheless took time out to greet and visit with the delegation. After expressing his interest in the international phases of Club work, he ushered the delegation into the Diplomatic Visitors' Section just as the last acrimonious charges were being uttered and the decks cleared for decisive voting.

Later, the delegation was received by Byron Price, Assistant Secretary General, who gave Club Members an insight into his administrative problems, and paved the way for a closer liaison between the OPC and the UN's Public Relations Section. Another visit to Lake Success will be made by the Club President and Program Committee Chairman in the near future.

WALTER CRONKITE's chapter on Lavrenti Beria in the OPC book, "Men Who Make Your World", has appeared in a Chinese magazine in condensed translation, reports Guest Member FRANK TAO of the Chinese News Service. It was in the May issue of the China Digest, a fortnightly published in Formosa...IRENE KUHN's novelist daughter, Rene L. Kuhn, is back from London where she was press officer for USIS in the Embassy. While abroad she finished her third novel, "The Hungry Heart", and delivered it to Random House. Shereports seeing everyone in Paris, Rome, Florence and London clutching a copy of TEMPLE FIELDING's currency guide --- and raving about its usefulness...A Tokyo syndicate called Kodomo Manga Shimbun-Sha has asked BETTY BETZ to do a weekly column on American teen-agers for Japanese ditto...

CURTIS J. HOXTER has just been appointed to the Program Committee of the New York Chapter, Public Relations Society of America... Recently GERALDINE FITCH entertained Korean woman leader Louise Yim and Eki-tai Ahn, conductor and composer of the Korean national anthem...

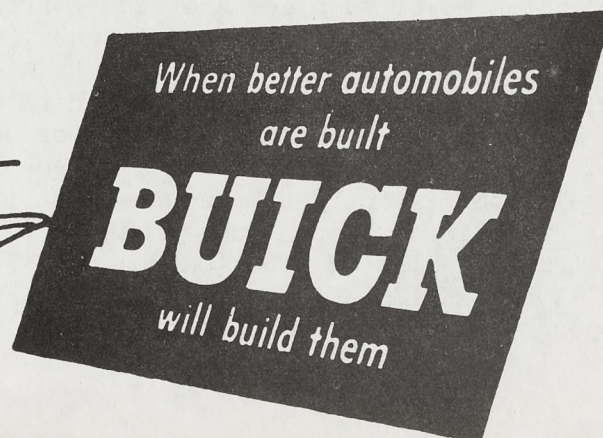
WELDON JAMES, Louisville Courier-Journal associate editor and author of the MacArthur profile in "Men Who Make Your World", is swapping civvies for a Marine uniform again. A veteran reporter of the "old" wars in China, Spain and England, he enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and served in both the European and Pacific theaters. On August 28, having kept his reserve captain's bars polished, JAMES reports for duty at Camp Pendleton, Cal. His guess: "early travel or a long period of creeping boredom."...

CLUB BLUEPRINTS PLANS
TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY
TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER and Janice Griffiths, executive secretary, this week conferred at length with Miss Ruth Walters of the Foreign Journalists Branch, U.S. Department of State, on future Club plans to increase its service to visiting correspondents from abroad.

Result was the establishment of close relations between the OPC and the State Department branch leading to the notification of the Club's Hospitality Committee of pending visits by foreign colleagues.

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That ... the Overseas Press Club has published five top-notch books within the past five years -- and is now working on its sixth?

That ... the Overseas Press Club is the largest organization in the world of active and former foreign correspondents?

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GOVERNMENT MAY DEFER
PRESSMAN--RESERVISTS
UNDER NEW POLICIES

Newspapermen and members of press syndicates who belong to the Army, Navy and Air Force Reserves or the National Guard may receive temporary deferments as workers in "essential" industries, according to a Pentagon statement released last week. The newsmen are grouped

under the category of "printing" in the list of essential industrial occupations compiled by the Department of Commerce. Deferments under the new policy, the Defense Department emphasized, are temporary.

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Past President LOWELL THOMAS returns to his Monday-through-Friday CBS news spot on August 28 after eight weeks' vacation...An article on the Amerasia case by VICTOR LASKY, co-author of "Seeds of Treason", appears in the September American Mercury...Don't look now, but Program Committee Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH is planning a diabolically-different "special event" for September 15. On that date the Overseas Press Club may invade the Midtown Health Club and Swimming Pool for what GRIFFITH terms a "super gym beer festival". Evening will be replete with strong men, amazons, professional wrestlers and acrobats. Members may either entertain or be entertained...

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CLUB FELICITATIONS to the former VIOLET PRICE who, on August 5, was married to Edmund Coffin, in a ceremony performed at Glen Head, L.I., by the Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin. The bride was formerly with Time and Life magazines in New York and the Middle and Far East...Off on a well-deserved vacation this week is Janice Griffiths, Executive Secretary of the OPC. David McIntire will preside over Club Headquarters in her absence...Another vacationer: RAY JOSEPHS who, with his wife, is now relaxing at the Castle Harbour in Bermuda...LEON PEARSON, National Broadcasting Company commentator and INS staffer, spoke on August 10 before the New York Rotary Club on "NBC Reports on Korea"...Announcement was made late this week of the sale of "The American Mercury" magazine by LAWRENCE E. SPIVAK, editor and publisher since 1939, to Clendenin J. Ryan, financier and former secretary to the late Mayor F. H. La Guardia. No details of the transaction were given. First issue under the new ownership is tentatively scheduled for January...

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ARTHUR REEF, publisher-editor of Heute in Munich, returns to the States with wife Betty August 17 on a combined business-pleasure trip. Expect to be in New York, Washington and on the West Coast...CLIFFORD EVANS is the producer of "At the Mayor's Desk", Mayor O'Dwyer's Thursday evening TV show over WPIX...

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From Germany this week has come welcome words regarding the position taken by the Overseas Press Club on moves to place American correspondents on the German economy. Writes an active Member: "Whatever the merits of the case, and a lot of correspondents here sincerely believe it's the obligation of the Government to aid and not to hinder the 'eyes and ears' of the American public in an outpost such as Berlin, the Overseas Press Club in its efforts has certainly gained stature during the weeks of our German economy battle with Frankfurt."

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The Editor is happy to announce that the following Members have agreed to serve as Special Bulletin correspondents in their respective areas: JOSEPH ROSAPEPE (Rome), PRESTON GROVER (Paris), STAN SWINTON (Cairo), JOSEF ISRAELIS II (Vienna), JOHN R. WILHELM (Mexico City), GEORGE AXELSSON (Stockholm), JACK NEWMAN (South Pacific), EDWARD HUNTER (Hong Kong). Correspondents in other major capitals and areas are in the process of being appointed.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor
David McIntire, Associate Editor